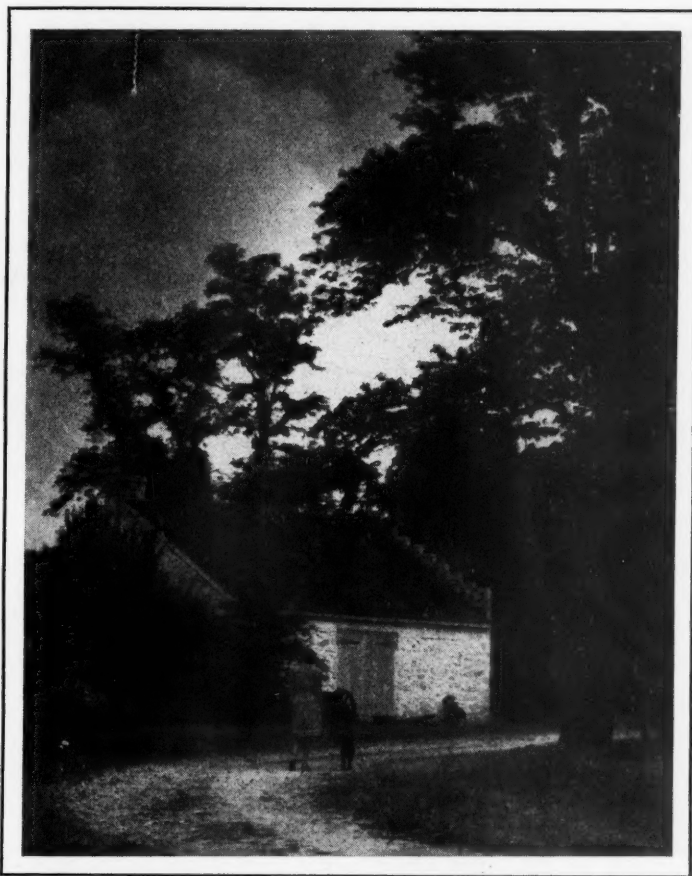


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# Why I Left The Communist Party

**A**FTER FINISHING my course in the FERA new deal "Worker's School" at the University of Wisconsin, I was one of a group regarded as being properly "conditioned" for membership in the Communist Party.

A few years later when testifying before the Dies Committee, I described my experience with the FERA as follows:

"In 1935 I received a letter granting me the right to attend a worker's school to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. The money was contributed by the United States Government. We were to attend for six weeks, and all expenses would be paid.

"During this time we were taught material that was rather of the leftist view. Some of the teachers, including the director of the school, Lucille Cohen, a left-wing Socialist from New York, are in Mrs. Dilling's (book) 'Red Network.' At this school about 80 per cent of the young people were either Communists or leftists or fellow travelers."

Before my course was completed a man came out from New York to look us over. His name was also Cohen. He assured us that we were Liberals in the truest sense of the word.

They directed me to Wisconsin Party headquarters at 113 East Wells Street, Milwaukee. There I met Eugene Dennis who recruited me into the organization, May 2, 1936.

I was given the name JOHN KEATS and assigned the number 18-B-2. My membership card bore this alias and I became known in Party circles as Keats, not Goff.

Thereupon they enrolled me in the Debs Labor School of Milwaukee.

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**M**R. DENNIS evidently regarded me as a prize catch and a potential conspirator of more than average possibilities. He manifested special interest in my "welfare."

As I write these words, I have open before me a book dealing with Marxism, which he autographed on the flyleaf as follows: "To a real friend and comrade — with best wishes, Gene."

Perhaps he now feels that I have fallen from grace!

The Lord Jesus Christ has since saved me from my sins, and I pray that Dennis will come into a like experience, some time before he is called to cross the great divide.

He has been much in the headlines of late due to an investigation into his affairs by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Representative Karl E. Mundt, a member of the Committee, had this to say in a speech before Congress, April 22, 1947:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Eugene Dennis is the general secretary of the Communist Party of America, which makes him either the No. 1 or the No. 2 official Com-



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munist in the country, depending upon whether W. Z. Foster, the chairman of the party, is considered by party followers to have more authority than the general secretary. In either event, this man is before you on an incident for a contempt of Congress."

Referring to the fact that Dennis' real name is Waldron — Francis Waldron, Mr. Mundt continued:

"We did not know until later just why Mr. Eugene Dennis refused to identify himself by his proper name, but it has since developed that he is a fugitive from justice in California under one of his aliases; that he has been a draft dodger in the United States under one of his numerous names; that he obtained a passport fraudulently under one of his aliases; and, consequently, he was unprepared to reveal his correct name before the committee at that time."

As the foregoing debate progressed in Congress, Mr. Mundt and other Representatives, vigorously denounced Attorney General Tom Clark for allegedly failing to prosecute Communists who are known to be law violators.

"I am sure we all wonder this afternoon what it is that a Communist has, that an ordinary American citizen has not," said Mr. Mundt, "how it is, for example, that Mr. Eugene Dennis can violate the draft law as he has, and be a draft evader with complete immunity, and nobody in the Department of Justice prosecutes him for his law violation."

At this point, Representative Dondero of Michigan made the following shocking contribution to the discussion:

"I think the speaker might also add to the list the fact that in wartime, Communists were able to steal a truckload of files of the most secret nature out of the State Department and Naval Intelligence, and were arrested by the FBI, but then were dismissed with a nominal fine."

Mr. Mundt continued:

"Yes. The list can be extended as long as a bamboo fishing pole of law violations which have occurred in the last 6 or 8 years in America by Communists, WITHOUT ANYBODY IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TAKING ANY STEP WHATSOEVER TO PUNISH THEM. In fact, it was only after repeated speeches in the well of the House this year that we succeeded in getting the Attorney General to move in on the contempt proceedings which the House of Representatives voted by overwhelming majorities nearly a year ago."

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# DEFENDER MAGAZINE

## Pleasant Anniversary, Despite Persecution

A Personal Statement By The Defender To Its Great Family Of Readers

**THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE** enters its twenty-second year of constructive Christian service this month. It is enjoying greater reader interest today than at any previous time.

During the month just closed—April, 1947, more new subscriptions were received, than any other single month, in its existence.

Militant editorial policies, prophetic foresight and ability to anticipate future trends have, at times, caused the magazine to seem like "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness." It has, in some respects, lived ahead of its times.

Men and magazines who pioneer, frequently encounter vigorous opposition and violent prejudices. This is a price they must be willing to pay. Somebody has to blaze trails. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Ingenious schemes have been used to silence THE DEFENDER. The fact of its survival is a solemn rebuke to those who would think to hinder the Cause of Christ through persecution.

The fact that it has suffered such unprecedented pressure and lived to enter its twenty-second year testifies to the potency of prayer and the ability of Christians to see through fogs of falsehood and Communist propaganda.

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**T**HE DEFENDER was marked for destruction more than a decade ago. It later became a target for what prob-

ably has been the most vicious attack ever encountered by any religious periodical.

A major crisis developed in 1942 when the New Deal prosecutor, William Power Maloney, was performing like a fanatical zealot. Clothed with authority from the White House, he became known as the "hatchet man of the Roosevelt administration."

Indirect and illegal methods were used, in an effort to strangle the magazine.

On May 1st, that year, Vincent Miles, Solicitor of the Post Office Department at Washington, ordered no copies of the publication to be accepted for mailing, by the Wichita branch, until he had personally approved them.

Thereupon, copies of the May (1942) issue were sent to him air mail for ex-

Some through the waters,  
Some through the flood,  
Some through the fire,  
But all through the blood.  
Some through deep sorrow,  
But God gives a song  
In the night season  
And all the day long.

amination. Of course, there was not a single objectionable line in the paper . . . but he waited fifteen days before granting clearance. He caused mailing of the June (1942) number to be delayed, in the same manner, for about twenty days.

Schedules were thereby upset. Subscribers were nervous. Advertisers were unsettled. The magazine failed to appear one month. Walter Winchell screamed joyously into the radio, that THE DEFENDER was as dead as a dodol. Communist publications gloated. Maloney rubbed his hands with glee! Christians prayed.

Thereupon the magazine engaged attorneys. When the persecutors realized that the Editor was ready to fight for his constitutional rights, Miles quickly ordered the ban lifted. No other attempts have been made to interfere with delivery of the publication.

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**T**HE EDITOR wrote Mr. Miles a comprehensive letter, June 6, 1942 . . . in which he said in part:

"I do not know why we are being treated in this manner. We have in good faith, done everything we know to cooperate with your department, and every other department we have had occasion to contact in Washington. Our attitude has been graced by a spirit of Christian humility . . .

"It has occurred to me that possibly you have personally taken at face value, some of the utterly false statements

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made against me — statements released through press, radio, newsstand publications and otherwise. If I should read about some other men, things I have read about myself, it is probable that strong prejudices might be built up in my mind.

"For instance, the 'Life' article on the so-called 'defeatist' press, makes the ugly statement that I visited Europe on Nazi money. **THE CHARGE IS UNTRUE** for the reason that I have the names, addresses, dates and amounts of voluntary contributions given, for most part by Christian friends who had attended evangelistic meetings of mine in various parts of the Country, with which the trip, primarily a missionary tour to Greece, was financed.

"Right or wrong, a very definite impression has taken form in the public mind that persons who opposed involvement in war prior to Pearl Harbor . . . and persons now opposed to Communist propaganda within the borders of the United States, are being singled out for attack. Ministers of the Gospel and Christian laymen, of whom there are millions, are particularly concerned over this trend.

"What happens in Europe and Asia, through collaboration on the part of American and Communist military forces is one thing, while the spread of atheism through Red propaganda, here on the home front, is quite another. . .

"Should I be called upon to endure still another greater persecution in the future than known in the past, I shall count it a joy to thus serve my Christ in adversity. Christian stock of the twentieth century comes from a long line of martyrs who, by enduring great suffering, have demonstrated their right to existence.

"Tortured Russian saints of the last quarter of a century, German Niemollers languishing in concentration camps, persecuted Catholics and Protestants in

Spain, will find their equals among Christian brethren in this Hemisphere, if and when, America disgraces herself by trying to thwart or silence the Christian testimony . . .

"If I occupied a position of trust and responsibility in Washington during these days of trial, I would be careful not to abuse any power entrusted to me, knowing that the law of equal reaction works fast and with deadly precision in times like these."

Who will say that "THE LAW OF EQUAL REACTION" has not since overtaken the New Deal persecutors?

Maloney succeeded in getting the Editor indicted on false charges during the latter part of June 1942. The case was thrown out of court four and a half years later, by an honest judge, who called it "a travesty on justice."

Maloney succeeded in getting the Editor's secretary indicted on false charges in December 1942. No effort was ever made to bring the case to trial. Charges were dismissed for lack of prosecution November 1945.

Maloney has since been castigated by the United States Supreme Court, but still occupies an important post in the Department of Justice.

Meanwhile, THE DEFENDER continues to move steadily forward . . . rendering unique and important service to the Christian Cause. Tens of thousands of subscribers regard it as **MUST READING** every month. By standing firm for right and truth against anti-Christ forces during recent years, it has served the best interests of every Bible-believing Christian in America.

Its dynamic, informative, uncompromising message is appreciated by Pastors and Laymen of all denominations . . . and no denominations.

But Communists and New Dealers have not yet ceased their opposition. As late as April 24, 1947, the Office of Housing Expediter issued an order at Washington, denying building materials

to the magazine for the purpose of enlarging its present quarters.

All kinds of construction is now under way in Wichita. A reputable contractor has demonstrated that an addition can be erected to present DEFENDER offices, within the requirements of the bureaucratic code. But the undertaking has been stopped, under threat of prosecution, if another tap is turned.

The CPA interrupted construction on the project last December, and at the same time arranged for Drew Pearson to smear the Editor in a nationwide radio broadcast. However, the official order was not issued at Washington until April 24, 1947.

Communist and New Deal opposition has become something of an old story with THE DEFENDER . . . and so, the Editor acknowledged receipt of the above order with the following letter — at the same time sending a copy to every member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives:

"Mr. James V. Sarcone,  
"Office Of Housing Expediter,  
"Washington, D. C.

"Sir:

"Your bureaucratic discriminatory notice received.

"I shall frame it.

"Christian Americans have cause to feel complimented when New Deal bureaucrats discriminate against them.

"CPA persecution of Churches and Pastors is a national scandal, against which millions of religious voters registered their protest last November.

"In keeping with previous CPA policies, I suppose you told Pearson about your order for smear purposes."

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THE DEFENDER proposes, by the grace of God, to continue the effective type of Christian service for which it has become famous. Opposition will be met in the power and demonstration of prayer.

The very shadow of Antichrist is being cast upon the nations. Present catastrophic changes have been anticipated by students of Bible prophecy. Children of the light are not being taken unawares. Daniel said: "The wise shall understand."

In the language of Jude . . . your magazine will continue to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

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# The Christ Triumphant

The Sermon Of The Month . . . By  
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**C**OLONEL TODD helped administer Red Cross relief to the suffering in Belgium after the first World War. He testified to seeing a vision of Christ in the heavens that enabled him to paint a masterpiece.

The picture is fascinating beyond words. Emotions stir the soul as we study the face of the Saviour.

Heart sorrow is reflected, impressing one that Jesus is ever mindful of man's sinful condition. A sense of love and admiration envelops you as your eyes meet His . . . for you realize that you are gazing upon a likeness of the TRIUMPHANT CHRIST.

The Conquering One! The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Christ has always gloriously triumphed. In every phase of His earth life He was master. Sympathetic and well-meaning friends who would have turned Him from the path of duty, were not successful. Enemies who sought to ensnare by cunning questions, seeking to condemn Him, were outwitted. While riding to His death, the carriage being the back of a beast of burden, He rode triumphantly.

Even in death He triumphed. In that hour He gave orders placing His mother under proper care; spoke peace to the soul of the penitent thief; prayed for His murderers, and commended Himself to God. Never for a single moment has Christ been defeated.

Nowhere is His triumph more perfectly noted than in the execution of His Father's will. "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done," was the purpose of His life and never once did He fail. Again He said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me."

The carrying out of God's will involved the institution of New Testament truth and grace. The substitutionary sacrifice of the innocent for the guilty must be made. Atonement was essential so that man might escape the perpetual evil effects of sin. Reconciliation, for God to be pleased to dwell with man and in order for man to be free, unafraid and

confident in His presence, was a principle at stake. In all this, Christ triumphed gloriously.

By breaking Satanic power of human life, He triumphed. He met demon possessed men and expelled the forces that held them captive. By His word He cast the demons out. He silenced men motivated by malicious intent.

Christ proved His authority over the laws of nature. While in the boat with fear-filled disciples, during a storm at sea, He simply said, "Peace be still," and there was a great calm.

He was also victor over death. He raised the widow's son near the city of Nain and brought back to life the daughter of Jairus. The "last enemy" was also faced at the tomb of Lazarus. Jesus grappled with the dreaded monster, said "Come forth" and conquered.

One of the chief features of Christ's mission to earth was to manifest God's love to mankind. The false and pagan religions had neither language or capacity for revealing the consuming, creative love of the Creator to a lost and dying race. Jesus was conscious of this great task. Hence His words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

On the cross, just before His expiration, the earth rang with the triumphant cry of a conquering hero. "It is finished," cried He, so that all the world might know that God's will concerning His earthly mission was accomplished. Consequently, God was free to offer . . . and man was justified in accepting, SALVATION FULL AND FREE.

But Christ's triumph extends even further. He is still victorious on our behalf. Time takes away none of the lus-

ter of Calvary's finished work. Otherwise His victories would only add to our consternation as we contrasted divine perfection with human weakness.

Let us travel by the mental route into the remote past and try to visualize God in a contemplative mood. A family was desired, not angelic, to reciprocate His love. The realization of this wish would involve the possibility of a catastrophe. Arrangements would be made to meet this risk.

God anticipated the fall of man and took precaution for every phase of that eventuality. He is never taken unawares. Paul's letter to the Ephesians explains that God has predestined us unto eternal life, "according to the good pleasure of his will," which he hath purposed in himself. This, we read, is according to His "wisdom and prudence." Jesus was therefore "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Adam was created a free moral agent and placed in a garden of perfection. But the animal kingdom appeared first. When Adam sinned, a substitutionary sacrifice was waiting. The door of salvation was even opened in the presence of the evil-minded and, rebellious Cain, for the Lord told him in Genesis 4:7 that a "sin (offering) lieth at the door." Expositors affirm that a lamb was, at the moment, crouching at the door of Cain's tent.

When Adam sinned, God was ready. The system of sacrifice down through the centuries was elaborated upon, emphasized and clarified by the Law and the Prophets. But this great redemptive plan could be accomplished only through the triumphant Christ.

Reference was made earlier in this article to Christ's victories during His earth life. But what about the present? Is He now idle?

No. He is still conquering and will continue until the last enemy, death, is destroyed. Christ is today in perfect rhythm with His plan of the ages. He has not deviated one iota. He operates on schedule time. He is NOW fighting the great moral battle of the ages, in the lives of His saints.

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Marvelous, is it not, Christian friends . . . to know that your life is a battleground for God!

We are not called to peace, but to war. The Christian is destined to a series of victories, but never a surrender. This presupposes continued warfare. We may lose occasional battles along the way, but we will **WIN THE WAR IN THE END.**

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

When I say "we," I mean the Church of Christ must fight God's battle. Why not? Is it not a captivating thought that we are privileged to assist God?

That the omnipotent God should knock at our door to enlist puny man in His great cause, is the highest of all honors. Let us accept this challenge with gratitude and sacrificial zeal. Someone has said that God goes bankrupt when Christians fail to shoulder their responsibility in conflict of right against wrong.

Let us determine, by God's free Grace, that our lives shall be a proving ground where the forces of evil are constantly defeated.

God's program, eternally chartered in heaven and worked out on earth, will never fail. Satan hates the Church and plots its destruction with insidious cunning. It stands in his way and runs contrary to his purposes.

All members of Christ's Church were at one time under the control of Satan. Now they have renounced his authority. They are dedicated in loving service to the Christ whom Satan hates.

Christians cannot lose because the Captain of their salvation is the greatest strategist of all time. By His wisdom, skill and power, the enemy is defeated at every turn. Christ has supplied an invulnerable armor for every member of His force.

He gives instruction by His Word and Spirit for using this spiritual equipment

## Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS Dr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod were guest speakers from April thirteenth to twentieth, 1947, at the Boise Gospel Tabernacle and Northern Bible Seminary in the city of Boise, Idaho.

AND WHEREAS they gave two lectures every morning to the student body and Dr. Winrod preached to large crowds each evening, making a grand total of twenty addresses during the eight days

AND WHEREAS most timely subjects were handled in a masterful way dealing with matters prophetic, philosophical, evangelistic, scientific, doctrinal and Scriptural

AND WHEREAS their personal lives were a benediction and inspiration to all who came in contact with them,

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved that both the Church and Seminary take this means of thanking these noted leaders for coming our way and hereby invite them to return.

(Signed)

RALPH F. DOTSON, Th. B., B. A.  
Instructor in the Seminary.

and has made arrangements for final victory, but defeat never!

Zachariah received a revelation that God's temple was to be completed with the cap stone in place. The builders were seen gazing upon the completed structure, declaring it to be a work of grace.

This, of course, symbolizes the ultimate triumph of Christ in His perfected Church, over all the powers of evil.

Christ is conquering today in the conquering Christian. He is busily engaged at an all-important task. Men and women are being conformed into the image of Himself.

The terminal of His earthly work is before us. Man is empowered to honor God by living a spirit-filled life. In such people, God's purpose finds fruition.

The cost has been tremendous. His, the potter's hands, have dripped blood, cruelly torn by the stubborn, resistant clay of our humanity. He patiently and cautiously moulds and mends.

But He never gives up. Wins! He is the triumphant Christ. His greatest masterpiece, His finest art, His highest achievement is the perfected saint. God's eternal joy is wrapped up in those who overcome.

With prideful delight, He shall display them before the angels of heaven—who, awed and subdued, will behold and wonder at the accomplishments of divine love, power and wisdom. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." Ephesians 3:10.

Christ's tenderest and most enduring joy will be to share the glories of eternity with His own . . . with those who have loved and served Him during this earthly pilgrimage . . . with those whose surrendered wills made possible His greatest achievements and triumphs.

Life becomes a symphony for the victorious saint. Why not? God wishes it that way. Discordant sounds no longer predominate because the master musician plays upon the strings of the heart. Christ completely conquers when He purifies the heart. He deserves to occupy the throne room of the soul and control the hidden sources of thoughts, words and deeds.

Perversions, adulterations and contaminations of evil are cleansed away, while purity, holiness and righteousness remains. Such people are victorious in life. The world, life and death serve only to enhance the preciousness of Christ to them. All is theirs . . . and they are Christ's . . . and Christ is God's.

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# MOTHERS OF AMERICA, TURN TO CHRIST

A Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast . . . By Dr. Walter A. Maier

**F**OR MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY, the majestic statue "Liberty Enlightening the World" has towered over Bedloe's Island, near the entrance to New York Harbor, as a symbol of the freedom we enjoy in this God-blessed nation.

When Bartholdi, the sculptor, looked for a model whose form and features he could reproduce as "Liberty," he received much contradictory counsel. A leading art authority advised him that the statue should depict "figures of thought which are grand in themselves." After examining outstanding heroes, Bartholdi chose as model for the colossal masterpiece — his own mother.

How appropriate that motherhood is thus prominently connected with our national blessings!

Take the influence of Christian mothers from the lives of eminent American leaders, and the very names of these men would have been forgotten, their monumental contributions to our freedom entirely lost.

Remove from this country's annals the New England mother who daily taught her children the Scriptures; exclude the pioneer mother who at her husband's side and under heavy hardship established a frontier home; cut out from our past the immigrant mother who, with meager funds, but with intense loyalty to God and country, helped build the families responsible for much of our industrial prosperity, and you have wiped out the support on which, under the Almighty, much of our progress has rested. Every statue symbolizing American advance should somehow pay tribute to the mother's part in building a better nation.

Yet the Christian mothers' role is much more important than helping advance our country, glorious though this duty is. They have the sacred responsibility of building the home spiritually, helping to lead children to the Lord.

I make the Scriptural basis for my plea these words centering in Hannah, the mother of Samuel. She says: "For this child I prayed, and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him; therefore also have I lent him to the

Lord; as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord."

In this study we meet a faith-filled woman, who may well serve as example for every American mother.

## Give Him Your Hearts

Hannah was a grief-burdened woman. Although her husband loved her dearly, yet, as frequently in the Oriental world, he had another wife, and consequently the household was torn by strife. The divine ideal of marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman, for better or for worse, through health and through sickness, in riches and in poverty.

The source of Hannah's deepest pain was the sorrow that God had not given her a child. In those early times women believed in having babies, and Hannah had prayed earnestly that the Lord would grant her this happiness — the very blessing which too many modern women despise. In our cruel, selfish day husbands and wives often plan to avoid parenthood. They flee from it as though it were a curse. They go to murderous ends in preventing their homes and lives from being enriched by one of the most beneficial gifts God Himself can grant.

Hannah's distress was increased by the fact that her country faced powerful enemies, the Philistines, who repeatedly swept down on Israel. Many of you understand her sorrow, for war always burdens women with heavy heartaches.

Added to Hannah's hardships was another heavy disappointment. She had hoped to find courage in God's house; but when she bowed silently before the Lord in the Tabernacle, Eli, the high priest, thinking she was drunk, rebuked her.

In all of these sorrows, with trouble in her own soul, her home, her country, her church, what course did Hannah take? Did she surrender to despair and cry out, "What's the use anyway?" Did she resort to fortune tellers, abounding as they did in the unbelief of her day? Did she clench her fists and vow that she would smash her way through these difficulties without God? Did she try to drown her sorrows in drink or to laugh them off in one round of pleasure after the other?

People try such follies today, but not Hannah. She turned to God. Her trust in the Lord, though severely tried, triumphed.

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Every American mother should follow Hannah and rely on the Almighty. Not in feminism, Modernism, Communism, which destroy the interdependence of husband and wife, weaken the ties binding a mother to home, husband, and children; not in worldliness and the wanton rejection of God's Law, can the women of this country find abiding help and building power. With Hannah they must go to God, and that means back to Jesus. "American mothers, turn to Christ!" is the plea and promise of our distressed day.

No one has ever exalted motherhood as did our Lord. Recall women's position in the ancient pagan world! They were offered as booby prizes for athletic contests in Greece.

Women's tombs were even marked with a muzzle, to show that wives should not speak; with a pair of reins to show that they should be led or driven by their husband. A whip might have been added to those tombstone markings, for frequently the wife was hardly more than a slave.

Plato, whose name is carved into the walls of many public libraries, taught that men should have their wives in common.

Socrates, likewise held up before our youth as an example of exalted thought, preferred the company of loose, abandoned women to that of his own wife.

In Rome a husband could discard his wife at his will; legally he held the power of life and death over her.

Into this reign of unspeakable misery, indescribable lust, came Christ; and through Him motherhood was elevated to its highest heights. He might have entered the world as one of His Prophets had left it, on a chariot of fire. He might have descended, as He later ascended, by a spectacular miracle of divine

power. Instead He, the mighty God, was born of the Virgin Mary. What an honor to Motherhood!

During His boyhood years He obeyed her; and even in the agonies of His crucifixion He provided a home for her. He likewise offered merciful help to all mothers who approached Him. Outside the Nain city gates He met a weeping widow, and He resurrected her son. The mother-in-law of His disciple Peter lay sick, and He healed her. A Syrophenician woman was distressed because an unclean spirit tortured her daughter, and Jesus compassionately healed the child.

Do you sorrow under the same burden that weighted Hannah's heart, because your have no child of your own — no chubby, dimple-cheeked baby to cuddle and caress? Turn to Christ!

If you are tortured by conscience, oppressed by your sins, disturbed by the serious mistakes of the past, turn to Christ!

Learn the first and greatest of His unnumbered blessings, that He has taken away your transgressions, placed them, with all their guilt, their penalty, their curse, on Himself, to make you stainless and spotless in the Almighty's sight.

The compassion of the Saviour, who once refused to cast a stone on an abandoned woman, has not changed. His promise still reads, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

If you want this to be a true Mother's Day, instead of just another holiday, if you want to be a God-pleasing, God-favored, God-blessed mother, then, before this day of grace draws to its close, take Hannah as your example, and turn to the Lord!

### Give Him Your Devotion

Hannah also shows us how motherhood is to approach God. Year after

year she went to the Lord's Tabernacle at Shiloh; and what that sanctuary was to her, the true churches of Christ are to us today. She lived a long distance from the Tabernacle; but spurning every suggestion of worshipping at a near-by Canaanite shrine, she regularly made the pilgrimage to God's house.

What marvelous blessing would come to our country if all our women were led by the same loyalty! Yet half of America's mothers are not members of any church, and many of those enrolled on congregational rosters do not attend, even if they can walk or easily ride to worship.

As long as millions of mothers keep their distance from God, this country has no assurance that the fulness of divine favor will continue to bless us.

On the other hand, when women, following the examples of their Christian sisters who were the last at the cross and the first at the grave, eagerly dedicate themselves to the Lord's work, they can help strengthen the foundation of our true prosperity.

Mothers, because your trusting faith in Christ should be not only one of the nation's greatest assets, but, in addition, your own personal assurance of the Saviour's guidance on earth and of your salvation, I plead with you, join a true church!

Hannah did not restrict her zeal for the Lord to the yearly visits at Shiloh. Instead she constantly communed with God.

Read the opening chapter of First Samuel, and you will see that hers was a prayer-filled life. You will find that she "poured out" her "soul before the Lord." Her pleading with the Almighty was not the bare recitation of memorized prayers, not the mere saying of so many petitions. She put her whole spirit into every request that winged its way from

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Keep on praying, as Hannah did, even should it seem that God's ears are closed to your entreaties. Her child was born at the right moment, and the help you need will arrive at precisely the proper time. Trusting, continued, undismayed prayer is your strongest hope.

### Give Him Your Children

When her long-desired child was born, Hannah called him "Samuel," which means, "The one asked of God."

She was not ashamed to proclaim her faith by naming the child in honor of the Almighty. Parents today will do well similarly to give their children reverent, Scriptural names in place of heathen, questionable designations.

Hannah centered much of her attention on the child. She herself nursed it, cared for it, prayed for it. Her husband evidently was a man of wealth, and she could have placed it under a servant's care. Nevertheless she said, "For this child I prayed, and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him." She implied that the baby Samuel was a trust imposed on her by the Lord and that nothing would make her untrue to this charge.

It cost her a good deal, we may be sure, to stay home and personally tend to the child. She had to forego many social contacts and other pleasures; but how readily she made these sacrifices. What were all other enjoyments compared with the son who was an answer to prayer?

If only Hannah's spirit would rest on all American women and they would discover that their place of prime importance is the home; their task of greatest responsibility the care of husband and children; their highest privilege bringing of happy, healthy boys and girls into the world and then watching prayerfully over their bodies and souls. However, many mothers find little time for their children.

These years find the usual sins under which families suffer increased; the unfaithfulness of husband or wife; the evil

of divorce, which robs the child of the parents' care; the career-chasing of mothers who are not satisfied with simple, unapplauded home duties; the selfishness of wives who criminally avoid motherhood.

In addition to these difficulties, American mothers are being coaxed away from their families into high-salaried positions. I have some startling figures for you. They are reliable, submitted to me by Frank X. Reller of the Saint Louis juvenile court, and show that in this city almost one-third of all juvenile offenders under seventeen came from homes in which both father and mother were employed.

"But," you say, "perhaps their mothers

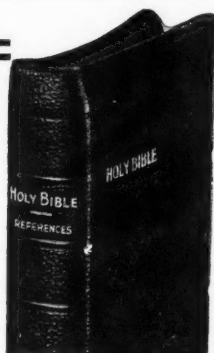
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had to work. Perhaps these families could not exist without her extra salary."

What does Mr. Reller say? He answers, "In every one of these cases the father was employed with an adequate income to support his family without the necessity of the mother's employment or her leaving the home."

Why, then, you ask, do these mothers work? Again, this juvenile court official explains, "They are actually sacrificing the welfare of their children for a few paltry dollars and a few items of luxury."

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6 Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī-kām the son of Shā'-phān, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

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that if you follow this advice, some day you will be ready to thank me:

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Do not imagine, however, that Hannah was a doting, selfishly ambitious mother who spoiled her child with overaffection, who thought only of his health or appearance, and who could laugh approvingly at his naughtiness.

We have mothers like that today. They prepare their children for baby contests, but they never prepare them for the Lord. They besiege theatrical booking agencies, hoping to have their daughters selected for a motion picture role. But you look in vain for them at church services. They teach their boys and girls ballroom dancing, but they never show them the inside of a Sunday School.

By contrast, see what Hannah did. She vowed that if in her advanced age God in His mercy would give her a baby, the child would become His servant. So when Samuel was young, she took him to Eli, the high priest at Shiloh, and said, "I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord."

Mothers of America, have you brought

your sons and daughters to God in Christ? Have you heard the Saviour say, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," and then have you answered, "Here am I and the children whom the Lord hath given me?"

Have you taught them Christ's marvelous love? Did they learn their first prayers from your lips? Did they receive their earliest religious instruction nestled at your bosom? Have you Christian mothers insisted that time and place be set aside regularly and reverently for the family's reading of God's Word? Do you teach your boys and girls to kneel, morning and night, in prayer to the Saviour? Do you take them to Sunday School?

If you have; if on this Mother's Day a glow of gratitude warms your heart because the Saviour has blessed you and all your dear ones, none of whom has been lost, then we thank you and pay you tribute. God bless you in Christ! Your children will rise up to call you blessed.

If, however, some of you mothers must admit that you have not followed Hannah in giving your child to God; if, worrying about your children's health, education, manners, you paid scant attention to their souls, then Mother's Day has a meaningful message for you.

It must be terrifying to know that you will have to stand before God in Judgment and admit that you never tried to lead your sons and daughters to the Lord, that your example of indifference tended to make them unconcerned about Christ and hostile to the Church.

In dread warning, Jesus tells His followers that it would be better for them to have a millstone hanged about their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea than to give offense to a child. To avoid that shocking end, mothers of America, turn to Christ with your children now. Resolve on this day dedicated to you that you will dedicate yourself to the Redeemer!

Follow Hannah in trusting the Lord and lending Him your children. Then you will secure mighty benedictions for yourselves, your Church, your family, your country.

Mothers of America, turn to Christ!

## Marks of a Modernist

**A** MODERNIST is an individual against whom we must be on constant guard.

Most Modernists are sincere in their false beliefs and teachings. Their sincerity makes them all the more dangerous. The doctrine of Modernism has been so instilled into their minds that it has become a part of their very beings and usually their minds are absolutely closed to orthodox teachings.

They seldom speak of our Saviour as the Lord Jesus Christ. They simply speak of Him as Jesus. In their writings and speeches, they often compare our Lord with other religious leaders, as Socrates, Buddha, Mohammed, and Confucius, but put Him on a little higher level than the founders of pagan religions.

They often advocate the union of all Christendom into one organization, making a grand conglomeration of all who call themselves Christians. Some go further and advocate a union of all religions, Pagan, Jewish, Protestant and Catholic, into one universal system of super-religion and so unwittingly help pave the way for the coming Antichrist.

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Thereupon Representative Smith of Ohio suggested Mr. Clark's impeachment on the charge of coddling Communists.

As the debate continued, Representative Marcantonio of New York was the only one who spoke in defense of my former comrade. Finally the House voted that Mr. Clark and the Department of Justice would be required to hold Dennis and bring him to trial.

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**T**HE PARTY did not send me to a regular Communist school. I was chosen one of a select group to attend what they called a "special class"—at national headquarters, 35 Twelfth Street, New York City.

Only uninformed and gullible people think of the Communist Party as a political party like Republicans and Democrats. The Communist organization can be more correctly thought of as an underground revolutionary army. It is a cult or secret order into which members are initiated.

New members, going to a regular school, are ordered first to report at Party headquarters. They are then blindfolded. From New York they are driven a good distance from the city into a rural district. They must remain in camp until their training is finished. It takes some longer than others to be inoculated with the virus.

Students cannot write letters telling what they are doing. Both incoming and outgoing mail is censored. Letters written by members at camp are carefully scrutinized, then taken to New York for mailing. All mail from friends or relatives must be sent to the Party office for censorship prior to delivery.

While in the school, one is denied all contact with the outside world, except through heads of the organization. Their expenses are paid and personal matters arranged. Both sexes attend these schools. There are no moral restraints.

My classes at Party headquarters were addressed by such top ranking leaders as Earl Browder, William Foster, Bob Minor, Clarence Hathaway, Ella Reeve Bloor, Joe Curran, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Ray Hansborough and others.

These schools were organized by Abraham Markoff on instructions from Moscow. They are wells of ideological arsenic from which new recruits in the Party consume great draughts of un-American, atheistic and revolutionary poison.

**I** STILL HAVE notes on some of the lectures attended during the early days of my training for leadership in the Party.

Here are a few words from Earl Browder, explaining the purpose of the secret Communist school system:

"The worker's school is that institution where we are providing our leaders with weapons—ideological weapons of Marxism and Leninism, to be used in the mass struggle."

He then quoted Georgi Dimitroff, president of the World Comintern, as saying: "The masses must be stirred to struggle, and the Communist schools must be used to help them grasp the mighty, fertile all-power Bolshevik theory—the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin."

Browder told my class that young members should fix their dreams on the hour when they would become commissars in a Soviet America. He told us to think of the day when filthy democracy would be at an end in the United States, decide what industries we would take over, and prepare ourselves accordingly.

He said we should never look for victory through the ballot—that Communist triumph could come only by bloodshed and revolution we were told to drive steadily toward the day and hour when blood would flow in gutters and make it possible for us to take over.

I distinctly recall hearing him announce that the "last vestige" of the bourgeois state would be destroyed—and that even small children who had been exposed to bourgeois teaching would have to be put to death.

Foster was even more violent in his lectures. He spoke with candor about plans for a "blood bath" in the United States, to precede the dictatorship of the proletariat. Foster of course was pushed into the background and Browder brought forward, during the years of close collaboration between Roosevelt and Stalin.

When it became apparent that the Country was about to make a right turn, thereby ending the White House-Kremlin honeymoon, the Comintern ordered old "blood and thunder Foster" to again assume Party leadership.

I have notes on a lecture by Foster instructing us how to fight the R. O. T. C.

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We were told to join the organization, learn its secrets, worm our members into positions of authority, and be ready to use it in the revolution.

He gave us instructions on street fighting, explained how to build barricades, and stated bluntly that some students would probably have to kill their parents and other members of the family in the interest of setting up a "Soviet State."

Among the most depraved leaders to teach our classes was the notorious Ella Reeve Bloor. I can best introduce her by quoting from House Report 209 of the Eightieth Session of Congress, pages 14 and 15:

"The Communist Party of America held its first convention from September 1 to 7, 1919, at the headquarters of the Russian Federation of the Socialist Party in Chicago. The call for the meeting was published in the (Russian) 'Nory Mir,' on July 7, 1919, and in the 'Revolutionary Age' of August 23, 1919, both being left wing Socialist organs. It called upon all those who favored an 'international alliance of the Socialist movement of the United States only with the Communist groups of other countries' to answer 'the clarion call of the Third International' . . . Earl Browder and Ella Reeve Bloor, who is now a National Board member, were charter members of the Communist Labor Party."

Comrade Ella warned the girls of our classes that they had been called to an important task in building a "worker's society." She spoke in glowing terms about becoming "whores of the revolution." No racial boundaries or color lines must be permitted, she said. White girls would be expected at all times to submit themselves to men of other nationalities.

"Your body belongs to the Party," she would shout. Girls were instructed to

"become prostitutes for the advancement of Communism." They were ordered to resort to whatever means necessary for the purpose of enticing men into the Party and committing acts of violence against "this damned democracy."

Every organism has a sewer.  
The Communist Party is the sewer  
of the American politic body.

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**OUR TEACHERS** directed their hardest blows against "Fundamentalist Christianity." But I never heard one of them say, at any time, a single word against Modernism.

In fact they assumed a benevolent attitude toward Modernist preachers. Eugene Dennis put it this way: "These liberal chameleons are of great value at present, but once our goal is reached, they will either have to change their belief, or pay the price with their heads along with the rest."

A favorite phrase in the classes that I attended was a quotation from Zinovieff who said: "We shall grapple with the Lord God in due season. We shall vanquish Him from the highest heaven and wherever He seeks refuge, we shall subdue Him forever."

Yaroslavesky's statement, "Remember that the struggle against religion is a struggle for socialism," was prominently displayed in the literature they gave us to study. He is president of the "Society of Militant Atheists."

The same was true of Lounatcharski's remark: "We hate Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. All religions are poison."



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A fight to the death must be declared upon all religions."

We were given the most detailed instructions on how to fight the Church. Only to the degree that Christianity was weakened, could the movement toward revolution become strong and powerful. The followers of Christ were therefore to be regarded as our worst enemies. We were given methods for indoctrinating the thinking of both believers and unbelievers with anti-religious theories.

Our textbooks against religion included "The Origin of the Family" by Frederick Engels and "The Foundations of Christianity" by Karl Kautsky. Both of these, as well as other titles used, are one hundred per cent atheistic.

Talmudic teachings were hammered into our minds—including the charge that Jesus was born to Mary through an illicit affair with a Roman officer; that Jesus was a Maccabean, who wanted to abolish Roman rule over Judea; that He was a member of the working class and a revolutionist, and that He practiced free love.

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**WE WERE TAUGHT** that the Romans killed Him for attempting to seize control of the government; that the writers of the four Gospels falsified and shaded their writings to accommodate the conditions of their time.

Paul, we were told, was an agent of Roman capitalism sent out to organize the scattered followers of Christ into an ecclesiastical order for the interests of the state, and that the Church of Jesus Christ offers opium to the people.

Dialectic materialism was presented as the foundation of Communist belief. There is no such thing as soul, according to this teaching. Everything is material. The only heaven or hell is what one gets here on earth. We were told that no appetite should go unsatisfied, whether it be of sexual promiscuity, theft, murder, or other base desires. One should never restrain himself at any point.

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Evenings found the students in dimly lit rooms at national headquarters, engaging in the basest practices that the human mind can imagine. Negro boys made love to white girls and vice versa. Anti-religious songs were sung to prove that God could not destroy the revelers. Strange enough, students thus indulging themselves, had an inward feeling that they were insulting God—despite the fact of denying His existence.

I recall a particularly revolting picture hanging on the wall, picturing Christ's intestines protruding from His stomach, while workers gnawed at His arms, legs and entrails; and they were also shown drinking blood from His veins. Beneath this large cartoon were the words: "Take eat, this is my body broken for you."

During these orgies, comrades would sing both in Russian and English, such songs as the Communist hymn of hate called the "Internationale," the second stanza of which is as follows:

We want no condescending saviour,  
To rule us from a judgment hall;  
We workers ask not for their favors,  
Let us consult for all.  
To make the thief disgorge his booty,  
To free the spirit from the cell,  
We must ourselves decide our duty,  
We must decide and do it well.  
'Tis the final conflict,  
Let each stand in his place;  
The International Soviet,  
Shall be the human race.

Another favorite song used on such occasions went like this:

Blow the bloody bugles,  
Beat the bloody drums, boys.  
Blow the bloody Bourgeois,  
To bloody kingdom come.  
Build the big bon-fire,  
As high as the big church spire;  
And blow the bloody bastards,  
Higher one by one.

We would also sing the following blasphemous parody on the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Long-haired preachers come out every night,  
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But when asked about something to eat,  
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You'll get pie in the sky when you die.

2. Oh, the salvation army they pray,  
They sing and they clap and they play.  
When they get all your money on the drum,  
They will tell you that you're just a bum.

3. If you fight hard for children and wife,  
Try to get something good in this life,  
You're a sinner and bad man, they tell;  
When you die you will sure go to hell.

4. Workingmen of all countries, unite!  
Side by side we for freedom will fight.  
When the world and its wealth we have gained,  
To the grafters we'll sing this refrain:

*Last Refrain:*

You will eat by and by, when you've learned how to cook and to fry,  
Chop some wood, 'Twill do you good,  
and you'll eat in the sweet bye and bye.

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**I** HAD GROWN UP in a Christian family, around a praying fireside. No matter how much I was exposed to Communism, even as it exists inside the Party, these righteous home influences could not be discarded. My conscience continued unbearably active. God was all the time speaking to my heart.

I was assigned by national headquarters to duty in District 18 of the Party, which comprises the State of Wisconsin. It became my special duty to bore into Church groups and youth organizations.

While engaged in these activities I met a girl comrade, who was working

under the alias of Doris Berger. She was a clever and hardened Bolshevik.

During the Boston Store strike in Milwaukee, she had been arrested. This experience toughened her for more useful work in the Party. She was exactly the type of fearless, fighting red that any Communist would want for a wife.

We were married.

She is the present Mrs. Goff.

We were socially minded and toiled for the Party. Both of us were sincere in entering its ranks. We wanted something better, and desired a solution for the perplexing economic problems of the United States. But neither of us was quite satisfied in our heart.

Apologists for Communism try to make out that great freedom exists within the Party. But when one becomes a member, he soon finds that his life is no longer his own. He cannot travel from one State to another without the permission of the District Organizer. Neither can he marry or raise a family without approval.

Women are forced to have abortions when Party leaders decide that the work of the organization is such that the parents should not have children. Every comrade, male and female, is required to take all problems to the District Organizer.

One evening, after Mrs. Goff and I were married, found us together in the kitchen of the place where the Party gave us permission to live. Looking back, I have no way of explaining what caused me to start singing a hymn learned at home, in my boyhood, "Rescue the Perishing."

It was the farthestmost thing from my mind to chant such a melody, because I was then taking my Communism very seriously. My back was turned to Mrs. Goff as I sang the words:

Down in the human heart,  
Crushed by the tempter;  
Feelings lie buried  
That grace can restore.  
Touched by a loving heart,  
Wakened by kindness,  
Chords that are broken  
Will vibrate once more.

I heard my hardened Bolshevik wife sobbing.

The entire episode made me mad. Communists are not supposed to cry. I asked what was ailing her any way!

The tears continued to flow. She said that she knew in her heart that Jesus Christ was different than the Communists explained; that He was truly God on our earth; that heaven was real; that Christ could make her life clean and true Christians were the only truly happy people in the world.

I flew into a rage and told her to forget that nonsense. I promised that I would never again be guilty of singing such bunk in her presence.

She refused to listen to me and was miraculously converted a short time later. It was in the dead of winter and the preacher had to cut a hole in the ice to baptize her.

I tried to make myself believe she had "gone crazy over religion." But I knew better! Childhood memories came vividly before me.

She continued to pray for me . . . and before long those prayers were answered. And that is the real reason **WHY I LEFT THE COMMUNIST PARTY.**

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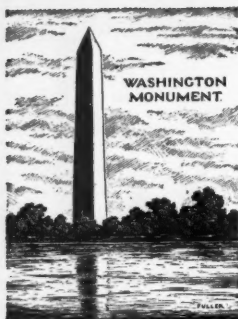
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## REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON

IT IS SAFE to say that what the American people desire above other things from the White House is HONESTY—old fashioned honesty.

Soon after Mr. Truman became President, a cartoon was published showing him discovering a huge trunk in the attic, on which was printed the word "Integrity." The antique was covered with debris, having remained unused for thirteen years.

Under Roosevelt, the White House adopted a policy of telling the public one thing, and deliberately doing another.

Observers at the Capital now have their fingers crossed. THEY ARE NOT QUITE SURE TODAY, THAT THE TRUNK HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE ATTIC. To illustrate:

Had Roosevelt lived, the New Deal was planning to establish a Soviet state by making war-time controls permanent. Every detail of our personal lives was to be regulated from Washington.

Consequently the bureaucrats fought to keep their alphabetical branches intact.

It became a habit when bureaus were liquidated, for as many of the personnel to be transferred to the CPA and OPA, as possible.

Finally, the CPA became one of the last stands of the Collectivists. Meanwhile, public demand for its liquidation reached a crescendo. Millions of people have complained about "half-pint Hitlers," strutting like dictators, interfering with the erection of veteran's homes and other building projects, that might promise to help rehabilitate the Nation.

Thereupon, old Roosevelt tricks began to be used, to confuse public thinking and stem the tide of opposition.

A statement came from the White House last February, that practically all war-time controls were to be abolished, in advance of their expiration dates. A few controls were relaxed a little later, but the same order that removed them, asked Congress to extend the CPA and others to June 30, 1948. The duplicity of the press announcement became evident.

Members of the House and Senate were disgusted. So, on March 5th, the

Senate voted to kill the CPA a year earlier than the President requested, namely June 30, 1947.

Then on April 25th, another release stated that the President had decided to liquidate immediately, and not wait until June 30th.

What actually happened was . . . that a few days later, the White House transferred control over building materials to the office of the Federal Housing Expediter, which does not expire until January 1, 1948.

Yes, the CPA was destroyed, but bureaucratic controls over building materials will continue in defiance of public wishes, until next January, unless Congress votes to kill them again. THIS IS THE KIND OF DECEPTION THAT SICKENED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH THE NEW DEAL AND CAUSED THEM TO VOTE A CHANGE LAST NOVEMBER. It is not too late for Mr. Truman to relieve the situation, but he will have to work fast . . . because voters have good memories.

Can the American people expect an improvement in these matters as long as David K. Niles (Neyhus) continues to be the dominating personality of the White House inner circle?

NOTHING HAS EVER moved the United States Senate more deeply than the debate that preceded the vote on David Lilienthal to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

Every member seemed conscious of the momentous decision about to be made. Pressure kept some from voting their convictions. Propaganda confused others. Public sentiment was violated in the end.

Fulton Lewis, Jr., voiced the sentiments of the majority of people in his first broadcast from here after the vote was taken. He said: "Senator Vandenberg is responsible for the Lilienthal confirmation. He did it. He broke with Senator Taft, who vigorously opposed. It remains to be seen whether Vandenberg's action will be A BLESSING OR A CURSE."

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# WORLD TRENDS

power by the Roosevelt Administration.

The American people instructed Congress last November to liquidate the New Deal, in its entirety. They demanded, by their decision at the polls, that every red in the United States be driven from public office.

Just how Republican senators who supported Lillenthal will justify themselves, in the light of this mandate, remains to be explained.

Marshall Field's "PM"—the uptown edition of the "Communist Daily Worker," became hysterical with glee over the outcome. Its editorial began with these words: "David E. Lillenthal won a sweeping victory over Senator Kenneth McKellar and a strong bloc of anti-New Dealers in the Senate yesterday when he was confirmed, 50 to 31.

Observers here at the Capital who understand the motivation behind left wing trends are not wondering at the outcome. **THEY KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED.**

Drew Pearson's statement that Lillenthal today occupies the position of the late Justice Brandeis speaks volumes.

**SENATORS WERE DELUGED** with telegrams and air mail letters from the "folks back home," during the closing hours of the debate.

This development strengthened the position of Senators Taft, Bricker, Wherry and others . . . to such an extent that one of the names submitted by President Truman with Lillenthal, was dropped at the last minute. This man's Communist connections had been established.

One of Senator Vandenberg's chief arguments showed his position to be fatally defective:

He said that the group wishing Senate confirmation had already come into possession of so many important atomic secrets, that it might be unsafe to reject them. Senator Bricker's prompt rejoinder was that persons about whom such a question could even arise, **SHOULD NOT BE APPOINTED** under any circumstances. He asked that the whole matter be turned over to the FBI for investigation.

Lillenthal must of course be approved again, a year hence . . . but in the

meantime, he will have filled the positions under him with personal appointees. And if he follows the system used in the TVA, his staff of experts may be expected to include many reds.

But God is still on the throne, and Christians have access through prayer, to spiritual powers more potent than anything Lillenthal can manipulate.

**CONGRESSMAN RANKIN** speaks with the courage of a prophet. His warning message is taken more seriously today on Capitol Hill than at any previous time. His voice rises far above the din of all Winchell-Pearson-Birkhead smear propaganda.

He released the following blast before the House of Representatives a few days ago:

"Mr. Speaker, we have come to a show-down between atheistic Communism and Christian civilization; between the oriental Sovietism and the western way of life; between treason in the United States and American patriotism.

"A leader of one of the great veterans' organizations said the other day that he regarded Joe Stalin as the Genghis Khan of the twentieth century. The battle we are in now, is just as serious as that which confronted Europe during the terrible days when Genghis Khan and his ruthless hordes threatened the civilization of mankind.

"You might as well attempt to pet a rattlesnake or tame a hyena as to try to make peace with Communism.

"Nothing that a Communist says can be relied upon, and no agreement one would sign would be worth the paper it is written on."

**MR. TRUMAN'S** dual attitude toward

Communism has even old-time newspaper men guessing. Failing to receive what they deem right answers from White House secretaries, these "gentlemen of the press" have started buttonholing the President's friends in Congress—trying to get explanations for the seeming inexplicable.

Early in March the President asked Congress for 400-million dollars to help save Greece and Turkey from Communism. At approximately the same time, he wrote the following amazing letter to former Governor Earle of Pennsylvania:

"Dear Governor: I appreciate very much your note of February 26, and I am happy to be informed of your decision with regard to the American Anti-Communist Association.

"People are very much wrought up about the Communist 'bugaboo,' but I am of the opinion that the country is perfectly safe so far as Communism is concerned—we have too many sane people. Our Government is made for the welfare of the people, and I don't believe there will come a time when anyone will really want to overturn it.

"Harry Truman."

The President followed this a few days later, with an order to screen all Communists and Communist sympathizers out of Government positions.

A Washington editor throws up his hands and remarks editorially: "We have a picture of the President of the United States cutting some very fancy dices indeed."

**WASHINGTON** remains full of Communists. The infiltration of Gov-

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ernment departments and agencies began when Roosevelt was elected the first time. But only now are they being exposed. Only now is the American conscience becoming sensitized to their presence.

Often when something goes wrong and disrupts the orderly processes of Government, the cause can be traced to one or more reds who occupy positions of influence. To illustrate:

A powerful short-wave radio station has been set up in Washington, by the State Department, for broadcasting nightly messages to Soviet Russia. The one thing most needed by the Russian people is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, but such themes are not permitted.

Moreover, Government experts recently discovered that some of the programs were being beamed to South America instead of Russia, because a saboteur had gained access to an antenna.

While Henry Wallace toured Europe last month, attacking our Government and praising Russia, the State Department was actually caught broadcasting a laudatory account of his activities. Obviously, some red in the Department was guilty.

Senator George of Georgia, a ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, denounced the innovation in terms that everyone could understand. He said:

"I rise to ask whether the right hand of our State Department knows what the left hand is doing. I submit that no more untimely broadcast could have been made than the broadcast to which I have referred, at a time when Wallace, in Europe, was seeking to divide at least the sympathies of the British and the French people from our own people, and at a time when Wallace, who has held high office in this government, should have known the natural and inevitable and logical results of his voluntary acts.

"The untimeliness of such a broadcast certainly should be obvious to any child 10 years of age."

Some members of the Congress, who want to see all Communists cleaned out of Government positions believe that definite progress has been made since the death of Roosevelt. But they feel it is impossible to go much further, until the tide of public sentiment rises to back them up.

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**PATRIOTIC CONGRESSMEN** who are trying to carry out the people's mandate to abolish New Deal Communism, find themselves constantly withstood by members carried over from the days of Roosevelt. No man follows more consistently the Communist Party line than Chicago's 81-year old Jewish Congressman, whom the "Chicago Tribune" calls an "old rascal."

It has been Sabath's practice for years to heckle speakers engaged in denouncing the Red menace. But in the future, he may be a little more respectful of others because of the beating he recently took, at the hands of Congressman Rankin.

The trouble started when Mr. Rankin made the following remarks:

"Mr. Speaker, if we are going to challenge the spread of Communism in Greece and Turkey, we had better make it a full dress affair and challenge it all along the line, beginning here on Capitol Hill.

"We should begin in the House Office Building, the Senate Office Building, the Supreme Court Building, and the Library of Congress, and go on down to the War Department and the Navy Department, and all other branches of this Government—AND ESPECIALLY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, where a certain bunch of Reds or 'pinks' have spent years persecuting the white Gentiles of this country—and especially the white people of the Southern States.

"In addition, Mr. Speaker, if we are going to challenge Communism in Europe, let us go to western Europe and start in Poland and Germany, and put a stop to certain elements persecuting those people who are now unable to defend themselves. Let us make peace

with the German people and line them up on our side, if we are going into this battle royal throughout the world."

Sabath waited until Mr. Rankin was off the floor and out of hearing distance. Then he launched into a tirade, saying among other things:

"The gentleman from Mississippi has let the cat out of the bag when he on this floor, proposed that we join the German Nazis to destroy Communism and all the Communists the world over. I always suspected that he followed the teachings of Hitler, and that his views on Red scares were identical with those of the Nazis."

This utterly false interpretation of Mr. Rankin's statement was resented by practically every member of the House of Representatives. Four days later, after a heated debate, in which Sabath heard himself denounced again and again and again, the House voted 324 to 1 that he be publicly rebuked and his vicious remarks stricken from the "Congressional Record."

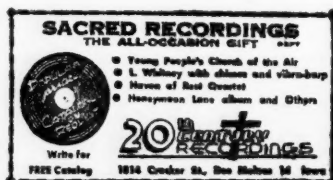
The lone member who supported him is from Hollywood—Helen Gahagan Douglas.

**THERE ARE INDICATIONS** that the most sensational disclosures yet made by the Committee on Un-American Activities, will accompany its investigation of the Hollywood motion picture industry.

Hans Eisler, brother to Gerhart Eisler who is regarded as "Stalin's big brain in the western hemisphere," may hold the key which investigators have been seeking for a long time.

Ruth Eisler, their sister, has testified that both men are very much alike.

When Charlie Chaplin was recently questioned in New York about his alleged Communist sympathies, he admitted close friendship for Hans Eisler . . . being quoted as saying: "I am his friend and I'm proud of it."



**PAPAL POLITICAL USURPATION** is an evil of first magnitude. It is injurious to the Catholic Church, as well as to humanity generally.

It is an insidious force, which worms its way between free men and their God-given individual liberty. Its performances extend far back into history, and are now on a new rampage. In the guise of holiness, it promotes political tyranny.

A dominating Papal oligarchy makes victims of the rank and file of Catholic clergy and laity. The exemplary moral characters of such rank and file divert attention from the menace of Papal political usurpation.

The Papal oligarchy usurps and wields temporal power in disregard of Christ's declaration "My kingdom is not of this world." The presumptuous obsession of the oligarchy is that it possesses divine authority to alter God's basic plan for human beings, insofar as it may deem such alteration to be necessary or expedient.

#### A CATHOLIC GIVES WARNING

It is fitting that a life-long religious Catholic, who has learned the truth about the menace, as the result of extensive and impartial research, and who remains a true friend of Catholics and the Catholic Church, should sound an urgently-needed alarm.

Free men cannot remain free when they become political serfs of an ecclesiastical oligarchy engaged in insidious political usurpation.

There is a time when the hoary head of inveterate abuse should neither draw reverence, nor obtain protection.

Powerful Jewish and Protestant organizations have also been long addicted to insidious political usurpation in religious guise. Wide-spread alarms must be given by alert Catholics, Protestants and Jews against all these outrageous performances, if America is to be kept American. Americans must not be

# PAPAL POLITICAL USURPATION

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further swindled out of their birthright through organized deception and coercion, in any guise.

Had it not been for political usurpation and deception extensively engaged in by prominent Catholic, Protestant and Jewish ecclesiastical leaders, the unholy hoax of new-dealism, national and global, could never have deceived so many leaders in both political parties, who are still assisting the undermining of fundamental Americanism and the spending of our Republic into destruction.

#### BASIC INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

The very foundation structure of society, under God's basic plan, rests upon, and is supported by, the free individual. Unless he directs his own life, limited only by the equal freedom of others and the natural and divine law, he cannot make his contribution to society as intended by God, nor render his accounting to God.

Every collectivism or semi-collectivism is a bogus substitute for God's basic plan. No matter how it may be camouflaged, it makes monopoly curtail or supplant liberty, and ushers in tyranny or despotism.

Every legitimate system of government, economics or religion protects and

safeguards, instead of curtailing or supplanting, God-given individual liberty. Only production and competition, protected from monopoly and other swindling, can give us the ever higher standard of living we seek. No complex artificial mechanism, local, national or global, should be permitted to supersede the natural order.

Papal political usurpation is the result of Papal political intrigue, which propagates two monstrous fallacies, (1) that a Catholic State is ideal for government, and (2) that a corporate system of monopolies is ideal for economics.

Neither fallacy can be reconciled with God-given individual liberty or fundamental Americanism. The two of them, in combination, would make government the master, instead of the servant, of the people, and reduce free men to serfdom. The end result would necessarily be, not on antidote against Communism, but a stepping-stone half-way toward it, and at best the provision of another kind and degree of universal serfdom.

#### CATHOLIC STATE

There is no indication that the Papal oligarchy's obsession in behalf of a Catholic State has ever been abandoned.

On January 6, 1895, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical in which he express-

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ly deprecated the separation of Church and State in America, and declared:

"she (the Catholic Church) would bring forth more abundant fruits if, in addition to liberty, she enjoyed the favor of the laws and the patronage of the public authority."

Leo XIII should have realized that his unsound and un-American proposal and criticism would necessarily incite resentment and distrust of the Catholic Church in America.

In the year 1922, the National Catholic Welfare Conference published a book "The State and the Church," by Fathers Ryan and Millar, in which it was asserted:

"But constitutions can be changed and non-Catholic sects may decline to such a point that the political proscription of them may become feasible and expedient. What protection would they then have against a Catholic State?" (at p. 38).

The publication of this outrageous book seems to have been carefully timed, because it followed the death of that great American Catholic, Cardinal Gibbons, who never supported any Catholic State ambitions, and whose last article, published February 19, 1921, had declared:

"As the years go by, I am more than ever convinced that the Constitution of the United States is the greatest instrument of

government that ever issued from the hand of man."

## CORPORATE SYSTEM OF MONOPOLIES

The corporate system of monopolies went into complete decay in the sixteenth century, because of the inexorable natural law that whatever is rotten at the core must decay completely. Catholic ecclesiastics had sought to save it by attempting to infuse the spirit of charity into the monopolies. The attempt was necessarily as futile as would have been an attempt to infuse the spirit of charity into copperhead snakes.

Yet, on May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII inaugurated a campaign to revive the long-discarded and inherently-ruinous, corporate system of monopolies. The campaign fell upon deaf ears, as it should have. Fertile soil for the deception had not been cultivated in America that early, through misuse of public schools and other educational institutions to undermine confidence in fundamental Americanism.

Forty years later, on May 15, 1931, conditions were quite different. Fertile soil for the deception had been prepared as the result of extensive pollution of education in America, undermining confidence in fundamental Americanism, and, to an alarming extent, indoctrinating confidence in Socialism and Communism. Through an encyclical of May 15, 1931, Pope Pius XI inaugurated a new campaign for revival of the old corporate system of monopolies, and in it gave explicit approval of Mussolini's corpor-

ate system of monopolies (which constituted Fascism), saying:

"The State here (Italy) grants legal recognition to the syndicate or union, and thereby confers on it some of the features of a monopoly, for in virtue of this recognition it alone can represent respectively workingmen and employers, and it alone can conclude labor contracts and labor agreements.

"If the contending parties cannot come to an agreement, public authority intervenes.

"Little reflection is required to perceive the advantage of the institution thus summarily described."

Pius XI was well aware, at the time, that the system thus approved by him was distrusted by some persons, who greatly feared that it would substitute the State in place of private initiative. He frankly so admitted in his encyclical, saying:

"We feel bound to add that to our knowledge there are some who fear that the State is substituting itself in the place of private initiative."

## PIUS XI'S AWAKENING

During the ensuing six years, Pius XI saw for himself the ruinous consequences in Italy of the corporate system of monopolies. Many of his advisers sought to attribute the ruin to administrative abuses, rather than to the inherently-ruinous character of any such system.

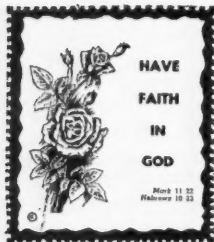
However, Pius XI became thoroughly convinced that the approval which he had given the system, through his encyclical of May 15, 1931, and which had been generally interpreted as authoritative action by the Church itself, could not have any such status, but must be regarded as his mere personal expression of opinion outside the field of the Church.

Consequently, in a further encyclical of March 19, 1937, Pius XI was careful to draw the fundamental distinction in the following language:

"The Church has never proposed a definite technical system, since this is not her field."

Pius XI had also observed the alarming extent to which Catholic ecclesiastics had been flirting with Communism as supposedly having much in common with Catholicity. So, in this latest encyclical, Pius XI gave explicit warning:

"Communism is intrinsically wrong, and



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## DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN 1931 AND 1937

In the interim between 1931 and 1937, intensive and extensive efforts had been made on a world scale to propagate the corporate system of monopolies as being an antidote against Communism, and the world's best hope for peace and prosperity.

Experts in Papal political strategy were well aware that the corporate system of monopolies could avail itself very greatly of the continuing inroads by Communism of the educational system. Accordingly, when Congress provided legislative protection, in 1935, against "advocating Communism" in the public schools of the District of Columbia, a leading expert in Papal political strategy, Father John A. Ryan, aided the repeal of the protective legislation.

He informed a Congressional Committee, by letter of February 28, 1936, that the protection constituted a "legislative monstrosity." Father Ryan was aided by another leading expert in Papal political strategy, Father Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., who was listed in a Congressional Committee report (House Report No. 2593, 74th Congress, 2d Session) as having also expressed "opposition" to the legislative protection. Fathers Ryan and Walsh were not deterred by the fact that the Communist Party of Washington, D. C., was also seeking repeal of the legislative protection.

This is the same Father Walsh who, in 1928, wrote the book "The Fall of the Russian Empire," in which he declared:

"I maintain that Bolshevism is a natural phase in the evolution of a strictly historical process originating in the soil, the culture, and the politics of Russia itself."

The book was evidently intended to overcome, or cause to be overlooked or ignored, the truth which had been told by American Ambassador Francis and others about THE NON-RUSSIAN NATURE of the forces which had enslaved the Russian people.

Father Walsh is not known to have ever been out of step with Papal political strategy or acrobatics.

Well knowing the Papal political

strategy during 1936 to propagate as extensively as possible the corporate system of monopolies, Father Walsh utilized his Commencement Address of 1936 at Georgetown University to describe the work of the Founding Fathers of our Republic as "the unfinished work," and to assert that it "would be completed" by providing "the occupational form of representation." Father Walsh declared:

"The day on which the occupational form of representation is definitely and successfully established in the United States will rank with July 4, 1776."

Another leading expert in Papal political strategy in the United States was Father Daniel A. Lord, S. J., who wrote two strange booklets, "WHAT CATHOLICITY AND COMMUNISM HAVE IN COMMON," and "THANKS TO THE COMMUNISTS," in which he gave the Communists credit for good faith, but explained that the corporate system of monopolies would produce more abundant fruits than Communism. Father Lord carefully avoided explaining that the fruits of fundamental Americanism far surpass anything possible from either Communism or the corporate system of monopolies.

## PIUS XII'S DEFIANCE

During 1936, the Papal Secretary of

State, Cardinal Pacelli, made a 6,500 mile tour of the United States. From 1937 until Pius XI's death in 1939, Cardinal Pacelli had virtual control of Papal political strategy. Neither during that period, nor since he became Pius XII, has he shown a disposition to carry out the views of Pius XI so clearly set forth in the aforesaid encyclical of March 19, 1937.

Instead, Pius XII has gone on a new rampage in behalf of the corporate system of monopolies. His experts in Papal political strategy have gone so far as to declare the system to constitute "Catholic doctrine," notwithstanding Pius XI had warned that the proposal of a definite technical system is outside the Church's field.

Experts in distorted history and feigned words, led by Pius XII, have labored, and are continuing to labor, to reverse the truth as to actual conditions in the sixteenth century before the Protestant Reformation. The period before the Protestant Reformation is brazenly misrepresented as the "Age of Faith," and the conditions during that period are misdescribed as those of happiness for the people, due to ecclesiastical leadership

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and pretended splendid fruits from the corporate system of monopolies.

The official Catholic Encyclopedia, however, reveals an entirely different condition:

"The reformatory movement of the sixteenth century found the ground well prepared for its reception. The cry for a thorough reformation of the Church in head and members had been ringing through Europe for a full century; it was justified by the worldly lives of the clergy, high and low, by abuses in Church administration, by money extortions, by the neglect of religious duties reaching far and wide through the body of the faithful." (Vol. 12, p. 499, Catholic Encyclopedia.)

According to the official Catholic Encyclopedia, the "unhappy conditions" of that period were contributed to "by the exercise of authority by ecclesiastics in civil spheres," and —

"In the Papal Curia political interests and a worldly life were often prominent." (Vol. 12, p. 700, Catholic Encyclopedia.)

So bad were the conditions affecting humanity during that period, and so serious was the fact of high corrupt elements in the Catholic Church, that the Catholic Encyclopedia expressly states:

"Had Protestantism offered a reform in the sense of amendment, probably high corrupt elements in the Church would have turned against it, as Jews and pagans turned against Christ and the Apostles." (Vol. 12, p. 499, Catholic Encyclopedia.)

Surely, Pius XII cannot believe that he has authority from God to reverse the truth about conditions in the sixteenth century, in order to subject human beings again to the inherently-ruinous corporate system of monopolies, which was called "Christian socialism" during that period, an obviously self-contradictory term. Socialism cannot be reconciled with Christ's teachings.

## TWENTIETH CENTURY CATHOLICISM

The official Catholic Encyclopedia

itself contrasts twentieth century Catholicism with sixteenth century perverted Catholicism, saying:

"The Catholic Church of the twentieth century is vastly in advance of that of the sixteenth. She has made up her loss in political power and worldly wealth by increased spiritual influences and efficiency." (Vol. 12, p. 500, Catholic Encyclopedia.)

Who is disloyal to the Catholic Church — the Catholic layman who has the courage to speak the truth and to oppose a return to the perverted Catholicism of the sixteenth century, or members of the Catholic Hierarchy who seek a return to such perverted Catholicism through the medium of Papal political usurpation?

No one can honestly deny that the corporate system of monopolies, which was conducted under ecclesiastical auspices in the sixteenth century, went into complete decay. Nor can anyone possessing sound statesmanship deny that such a system was necessarily foredoomed to exactly that kind of an end.

Thomas Jefferson exposed the evil and fallacy of such a thing as a corporate system of monopolies when he declared:

"An elective despotism is not the government for which the War of Independence was fought."

Free institutions should never tolerate "a closed shop," or any other illegitimate monopoly interfering with the basic liberty of free men.

A former Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Mr. Justice Bradley, stated the fundamental truth, tersely and powerfully, saying:

"all mere monopolies are odious and against common right." (111 U. S. 746, 761.)

## PIUS XII'S ATTEMPTED LEADERSHIP BACKWARDS

No one should accept Pius XII's misleadership back to sixteenth century perverted Catholicism, either by itself or

yoked to new-dealism, which alert American patriots are becoming convinced has been an insidious aider of Communism throughout new-dealism's disastrous regime, and still is. Experts in Papal political strategy have long claimed that new-dealism and the corporate system of monopolies have many similarities. There is obviously much truth in that claim as regards many features, including the tendency of each to produce ever-increasing disaster. Right up to, and including, the present time, experts in Papal political strategy have been enthusiastically supporting new-dealism.

No one who aids or advocates new-dealism should be trusted as a peerless leader against Communism.

## A NEW WORLD ORDER?

Instead of a new world order, let us have an honest return to God's basic plan, with the free individual the indispensable unit.

The unfortunate record of Pius XII does not show him to be qualified for leadership in that direction. An early end should be put to his misleadership away from God's basic plan, by concerted denunciation of such misleadership by both Catholics and non-Catholics.

God's basic plan will serve humanity well everywhere, under all conditions, and until the end of time. It has been truly called "Nature's own order." Unlike Communism, new-dealism and the corporate system of monopolies — God's basic plan does not have to depend upon economic chaos or war strife for its opportunities.

There is nothing vulture-like about God's basic plan. It is the surest guarantee of peace and freedom! It is also the best protection against the atomic bomb, which should not be committed to a hybrid international group, composed of nations of free men and empires of herded men, as in the United Nations. Free men and free nations, in uncoerced cooperation, are essential to God's basic plan.

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## "His Soul Goes Marching On"

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

**JOHN BROWN** was a paradox. He lived at a time when the United States was about to enter a great crisis. He, more than any other single individual, stood as a symbol of the new forces that were being awakened in the Country as a whole.

His personal crisis was the crisis of a people. His experiences were in miniature, the experiences of a Nation. His conflict was America's conflict. He was a symbolic soul!

The voices of our children may still be heard singing in the school rooms:

*John Brown's body lies  
a-mouldering in the grave,  
His soul goes marching on.*

History appraises this man as a combination of zealot and prophet . . . sinner and saint . . . humanitarian and criminal . . . patriot and insurrectionist.

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**TO JOHN BROWN**, life from the outset meant incessant strife, first against unconquered nature, then in the struggle to gain a living, and finally the fight against slavery for which he paid the death penalty.

"I expect nothing but to endure hardness," he wrote to a friend, whose support was desired in the Harper's Ferry enterprise.

This man, born and reared in poverty, labored as a shepherd, tanner, farmer, surveyor, cattle expert and wool merchant. Somewhere amid these vicissitudes, a consuming animosity toward

slavery took possession of his soul. He described it as his "greatest or principal object in life."

This "object" became the magnetic needle that shaped his destiny and guided him, in the rousing of a nation from the largest city to the smallest hamlet. It precipitated the Civil War, which many besides John Brown saw coming.

He was a commanding personality. His attire, however simple, was always neat and of good materials. Physically strong and sinewy, with a disproportion-

John Brown were struck by the range and alertness of his vision, from which nothing escaped. Those in the cities noticed his long springing steps and apparent absorption in personal reflections.

He was deeply religious and clung tenaciously to the Scriptures. His father before him subscribed to the same doctrines.

Owen Brown was the father's name. Six weeks before his death he wrote John as follows: "I ask all of you to pray more earnestly for the salvation of my soul than for the life of my body, and that I may give myself, and all I have up to Christ, and honor Him by a sacrifice of all we have."

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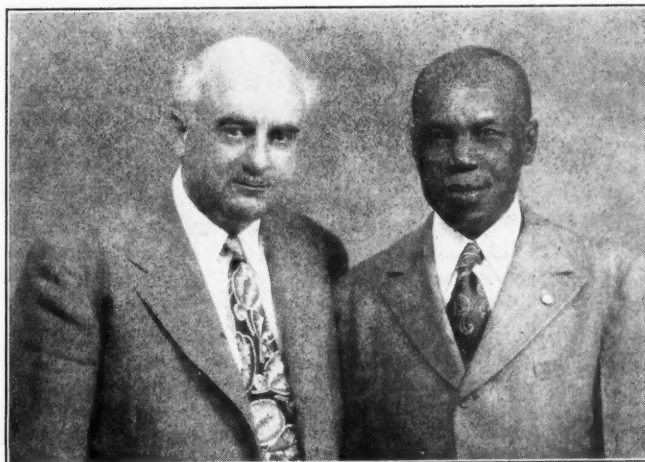
**JOHN BROWN** passed through a metamorphosis, which resulted in refusal on his part to recognize the existing laws on slavery. He believed himself justified in taking the law into his own hands, and acted accordingly.

At first he fought quietly, relying upon moral reforms to correct the injustices which were so prevalent at the time. But by degrees he became angered beyond reason at the outrages.

Many negroes were running away from their owners.

On one occasion there was a foray in Missouri that resulted in the release of seventeen black men. John Brown assumed responsibility for getting them safely to Canada and collected a reward from the abolition societies.

He gave written advice like the following to runaway slaves:



Dr. Winrod and Dr. Jones . . . who are concerned that the granddaughter of John Brown's slave friend shall receive a missionary education.

ately small head, he had a stern mouth and prominent chin. His eyes were bluish gray and fairly shone when he talked. His nose was the Roman type.

Once a visitor remarked to certain members of the family: "I think your father looks like an eagle." To which one of the eleven sons replied: "Yes, or some other carnivorous bird."

On the prairies, those who rode with

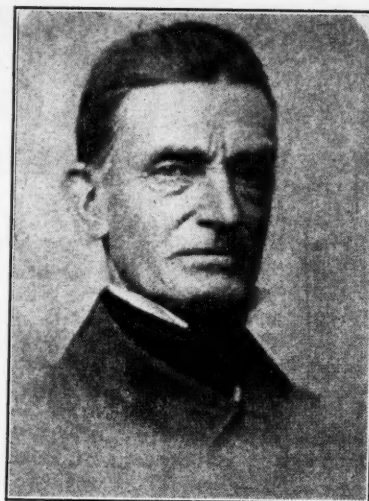
"After effecting a rescue, if you are assailed, go into the houses of your most prominent and influential white friends with your wives, and that will effectually fasten upon them the suspicion of being connected with you, and will compel them to make a common cause with you, whether they would otherwise live up to their profession or not. This would leave them no choice in the matter."

Finally, giving up hope of achieving results through moral reforms, John Brown deliberately launched a plan "to strike terror into the hearts of the pro-slavery people." He was ready to resort to whatever criminal methods necessary, on the theory that the end justified the means.

While residing in eastern Kansas, he organized an armed band to attack neighbors who believed in slavery.

One of the most violent assaults of his career occurred near Pottawatomie Creek, at a place called Dutch Henry's Crossing. Negroes were being mistreated by the inhabitants there, and he decided that force alone could provide a remedy. His party struck during the dead of night, beginning with the Doyle family. Mrs. Doyle later testified:

"My husband got up and went to the door. Those outside inquired for Mr. Wilkson (Wilkinson) and where he lived. My husband told them that he would tell them. Mr. Doyle, my husband, opened the door, and several came into the house, and said that they were from the army. My husband was a pro-slavery



John Brown

man. They told my husband that he and the boys must surrender, they were their prisoners. These men were armed with pistols and large knives.

"They first took my husband out of the house, then they took two of my sons — the two oldest ones, William and Drury — out, and then took my husband and these two boys, William and Drury, away. My son John was spared, because I asked them in tears to spare him. In a short time afterward I heard the report of pistols."

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JOHN BROWN had for years kept his thoughts glued upon a tiny Virginia village, called "Harper's Ferry, nestling between the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, near the borders of Maryland.

His daughter, Sarah Brown, declared that he discussed the attack ten years in advance, at the family fireside. She said all the children knew a blow would some day be struck at Harper's Ferry.

Sarah clearly recalled standing behind her father's chair, watching him draw diagrams of log forts. He explained how the logs should be laid and the roofs made. Trees were to be felled and placed as obstacles to attacking parties. All this was to take place in the mountains near Harper's Ferry. Her father was explaining the matter to a neighbor in whom he had confidence.

But ten years were destined to pass before the dream — or rather nightmare, was to come true!

Came the fall of the year 1859 . . . and John Brown, with eighteen men, all fully armed, hid for several weeks in the mountains overlooking the village. The authorities had no knowledge of their presence. They were waiting for an opportune time to raid the Government arsenal at Harper's Ferry. Escaped slaves were helping them make ammunition.

Sunday, October 16, 1859 was designated as the day!

John Brown believed civil war over the slavery question to be inevitable. He saw no other hope of a solution. Believing only a spark necessary to ignite the passions of the Nation, he expected the attack to produce an immediate conflagration.

The newspaper, "Southern Argus," published at Norfolk, said the next day: "Information has been received here this morning of a formidable negro insurrection at Harper's Ferry. An armed band of abolitionists have full possession of the United States arsenal."

A small force of marines appeared a few hours later, under the command of Colonel Robert E. Lee. The insurrectionists were quickly overpowered, some killed and others wounded.

The "New York Tribune" published an article written at the scene of the surrender which said:

"A short time after Captain Brown was brought out, he revived and talked earnestly to those about him, defending his course and avowing that he had only done what was right . . . He seemed fully convinced that he was badly treated and had a right to complain. Although at first considered dying, an examination of his wounds proved that they were not necessarily fatal. He expressed a desire

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to live and be tried by his country. In his pockets nearly \$300 were found in gold. Several important papers, found in his possession, were taken charge of by Colonel Lee, on behalf of the Government."

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**JOHN BROWN** was held in a room for questioning after his arrest. Several men participated in the interrogation . . . some of the questions and answers being as follows:

"Senator Mason. How do you justify your acts?

"Brown. I think, my friend, you are guilty of a great wrong against God and mankind. I say that without wishing to be offensive. It would be perfectly right for any one to interfere with you, so far as to free those you wilfully and wickedly hold in bondage. I do not say this insultingly.

"Mr. Mason. I understand that.

"Brown. I think I did right, and that others will do right who interfere with you at any time, and at all times. I hold that the golden rule, do unto others as you would that others should do unto you, applies to all who would help others who would gain their liberty.

"Lt. Stuart. But you don't believe in the Bible?

"Brown. Certainly I do. . . .

"Bystander. The New York 'Herald' of yesterday, in speaking of this affair, mentions a letter in which he (Gerrit Smith) says: 'that it is folly to attempt to strike the shackles off the slaves by the force of moral suasion or legal agitation, and predicts that the next movement, made in the direction of negro emancipation, will be an insurrection in the South.

"Brown. I have not seen a New York 'Herald' for some days past, but I presume from your remarks about the gist of the letter that I should concur with it. I agree with Mr. Smith that moral suasion is hopeless. I don't think the people of the slave States will ever consider the subject of slavery in its true light until some other argument is resorted to than moral suasion."

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**WHEN THE QUESTIONING** was over, John Brown made the following statement to the newspaper men who were present:

"If you do not want to converse any more I will remark to these reporting gentlemen that I claim to be here in carrying out a measure I believe to be perfectly justifiable, and not to act the

part of an incendiary or ruffian; but, on the contrary, to aid those suffering under a great wrong.

"I wish to say further that you had better, all of you people of the South, prepare yourselves for a settlement of this question. It must come up for settlement sooner than you are prepared for it, and the sooner you commence that preparation the better for you.

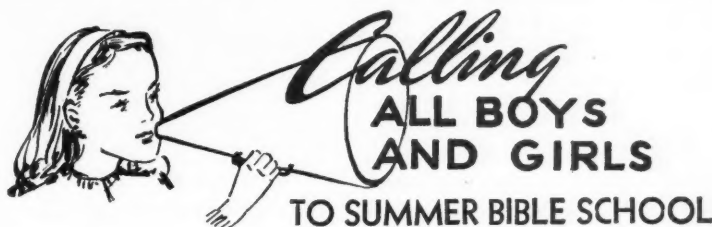
"You may dispose of me very easily; I am nearly disposed of now; but this question is still to be settled—the negro question, I mean. The end is not yet.

"These wounds were inflicted upon me, both the sabre cut on my head and the bayonet stabs in the different parts of my body, some minutes after I had

ceased firing, and had consented to surrender for the benefit of others, and not for my own benefit."

A jury found him guilty of treason a few weeks later. He was obliged to lie on a bed, in the court room, during the trial. The sentence provided hanging as the penalty for the crime.

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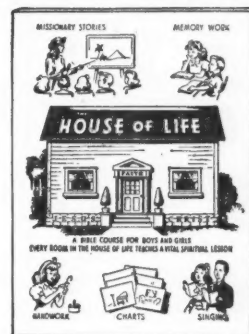


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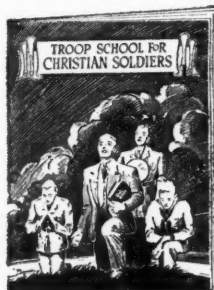


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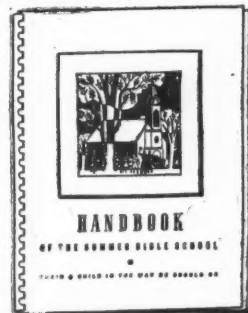
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**T**HERE WERE runaway slaves hiding in the mountains, near Harper's Ferry, who knew about the rendezvous of John Brown and his men. They knew that an attack was eminent.

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He cherished the memory of John



Nellie Wonger Hill

Brown and talked about him until his dying day. He was 107 years old at the time of his death.

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Greetings are exchanged. Dr. Jones soon finds himself enraptured by the story which the aged former slave relates. The men have much in common because Dr. Jones is also a native of the southland, his birthplace having been the State of Mississippi.

There is great suffering among the people. The plight of the children is especially pitiful. Dr. Jones decides to make a request. His attention has been drawn to one particular little girl.

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Pre-Millennialists are fundamental, evangelical and evangelistic. Post-Millennialists turn usually toward the left, being liberal, modernistic and humanistic. While this is a consistent classification, yet there are exceptions to the rule.

A well-known text book on theology says: "Daniel Whitby of England is generally regarded as the father of the modern Post-Millennial theory. This idea, Bishop Henshaw calls 'a novel doctrine, unknown to the Church for the space of sixteen hundred years, and then advanced by Dr. Whitby.'

"Whitby calls his theory a 'new hypothesis,' and explains that the scheme of interpretation is 'framed according to it.'"

The early Church subscribed unanimously to the Pre-Millennial concept. For centuries, no one thought to question its validity. Whitby rendered the Church a disservice.

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## Lesson Number 1

May 11, 1947

### STRUGGLE AGAINST BAALISM

I Kings 18:20-39

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again." I Kings 18:37.

I. "ART THOU HE?" King Ahab, whose very name suggests wickedness, accused Elijah of creating trouble among the people. He was using the philosophy — namely, to accuse others of doing the evil thing in which he was engaged.

"Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" The prophet was a thorn in Ahab's side because he symbolized the last remnants of the nation's conscience. It is characteristic of weak men who betray public trust, to try to fix the blame upon honorable opponents.

Ahab thought to awe Elijah into submission. But true prophets refuse to be awed! A violent altercation ensued. Elijah told the king that the national calamity then existing was traceable chiefly to his own vicious practices.

II. "THE PEOPLE ANSWERED HIM NOT." There had been no rainfall or dew for three and a half years. Idolatry was sweeping the land. National character was gone. The government was hopelessly corrupt.

Only the voice of a prophet, to stir the conscience of a nation, offers hope in such an hour. Wicked leaders hate and fear men who speak with authority from God. But all attempts to intimidate and silence Elijah resulted in failure.

The people were so weakened that they greeted Elijah's appeal for a spiritual rebirth with stony silence. There was little left in the soul of the masses, to which he could appeal. A revival of supernatural religion was the supreme need.

III. "HOW LONG HALT YE?" The time was at hand for a showdown. Good men

who stand for principle in periods of darkness and declension, live lonely lives. "I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord."

But one man and God is a majority! Elijah dared defy Ahab, Jezebel and all the prophets of Baal. "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God." He pleaded for action and demanded that the masses cease halting between two opinions.

The form of Baal worship then existing throughout the Kingdom originated in ancient Babylonia. Ashtoreth, introduced by the pagan Jezebel, was the Ishtar of the Babel builders. She was a female deity and her priests were eunuchs. Baal, her counterpart, was the supreme male divinity. Worship consisted of the most obscene practices imaginable.

IV. "THE FIRE OF THE LORD FELL." For hours the priests of Baal shrieked. They agonized, engaged in wild contortions and lacerated their flesh. They jumped about the altar, screamed and pleaded for fire. Elijah mocked them.

We note that the fire FELL, in response to the prophet's prayer. The flame did not result from combustion. It did not originate on the ground and ascend upward. On the contrary, it came down from above.

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## Lesson Number 2

May 18, 1947

### A STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE

Amos 5:6-24

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live." Amos 5:14.

I. "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Amos, the third of the minor prophets, was the first prophet to put his words in writing. He prophesied at a time when Jeroboam II ruled his nation in the eighth century B. C.

He possessed courage, conscience and conviction . . . and was true to the fundamentals which had made his nation great, prior to the apostasy that carried the people into idolatry. His home was at Bethel, where golden calves had been earlier set up for worship purposes.

Because he possessed an independent voice and was outside the religious organizations of his time, the priests of the golden calf accused him of sedition. His prophesying probed the nation's conscience and therefore stirred up trouble.

The existing government and false religious system came together . . . in much the same way that the New Deal and the Federal Council of Churches flowed in the same channel. The man of God was acceptable to neither group, but he insisted upon being heard.

Amos warned of destruction in the direction that his nation was traveling. He finally had to flee for his life but kept shouting the warning message even from neighboring territory.

II. "LET JUDGMENT RUN DOWN AS WATERS." Although a peasant, Amos was a mighty prophet. He spoke with eloquence and grandeur. His poverty-stricken background wielded an influence upon his prophecies.

The terrible social conditions of his time existed because religion and government had departed from the "old paths." The people had lost their way. A prophetic message was needed to



clarify their thinking. Loss of religious convictions had depleted the nation's character resources.

Families lived in one-room mud huts in small villages, using a community well, oven, wine-press and threshing floor. Personal initiative was gone. They were reduced to the level of Communism and serfdom. Taxes were high. A handful of bureaucrats at the top controlled everything.

But Amos saw a ray of hope. He knew if the people called upon God, there would be an awakening of national character and a turn for the better. So he shouted: "Seek ye the Lord, and ye shall live." Unless they repented and produced a change in leadership, he warned that judgment would fall swift and terrible.

Alas! Evil men were so firmly entrenched, that they could not be dislodged. The Assyrian army invaded the country, killing or taking as prisoners, nine-tenths of the people. Amos survived and continued preaching to the remnant: "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph."

III. "I DESPISE YOUR FEAST DAYS." Religious apostasy weakened the nation prior to the invasion. But despite the fact of being steeped in idolatry, the people continued their earlier pretenses. They had a form of godliness denying the power thereof and observed three sacred feasts: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacle. **WHOLE DENOMINATIONS ARE IN EXACTLY THE SAME POSITION TODAY.**

Worshippers waved sheaves before altars. They burned mountains of flesh at sacrifices. They ate paschal lambs. But God spoke through the lips of His prophet: "I hate, I despise your feast days. Though ye offer me burnt-offerings and your meat-offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs: for I will not hear the melody of thy viols."

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## Lesson Number 3

May 25, 1947

### FALL OF A KINGDOM

II Kings 17:5-23, Isaiah 28:1-4

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalms 1:6.

I. "SINNED AGAINST THE LORD THEIR GOD." Divine patience became exhausted with a highly privileged but rebellious and apostate people. They sowed to the wind and reaped a whirlwind. The evils against which Hosea, Isaiah and Amos thundered denunciations continued without interruption. It is a striking fact that the widespread use of alcohol contributed in great measure to the final collapse.

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In attacking Samaria, Sargon was following the pattern of Shalmanezar, his predecessor. The historian graphically describes the follies of the people, in departing from the "old paths," thereby weakening their position among the nations and making domination by the Assyrians possible.

II. "FOUND CONSPIRACY IN HOSHEA." The Israelitish nation was accessible on one side to Assyria . . . and on the other to Egypt. Hoshea, the king, was a complete failure. The record says that he did evil in the sight of the Lord.

The old saying, "Like priest, like people" holds true also of kings. A godly ruler wields a wholesome influence upon the souls and consciences of the people. This fortifies national character and produces strength.

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ward. White House policies under the contaminating and perverting touch of New Dealism, must be held responsible for the deep waters through which our nation has passed the last several years.

III. "DRUNKARDS SHALL BE TRODDEN UNDER FEET." The prophet Isaiah lived during this period. Had the people and their leaders paid attention to his message, the history of the nation would today read differently.

The twin evils of idolatry and drink are exposed as being responsible for the moral collapse, that made physical endurance impossible. Isaiah spoke with vehemence: "The drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under feet."

In 1925, a French editor published the following article: "Alcoholism, under the indifferent eye of the authorities, is destroying this nation." His warning fell on deaf ears. But when France went down in crushing defeat fifteen years later, the official explanation was: "Alcohol was the chief cause of the French army's collapse, and the worst of France's four great problems." General Petain added, "Our soldiers were drunk, and could not fight."

The experiences of the Israelitish nation in the period covered by this lesson serves to remind us today that "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

#### Lesson Number 4

June 1, 1947

### STRENGTH THROUGH REVIVAL

II Kings 19:5 to 20:17

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in

confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

I. "HEZEKIAH WENT INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD." The northern kingdom had previously fallen to the Assyrians. Their new leader, Sennacherib, mobilized a large army to attack Judah eight years later. Hezekiah, the King, had refused to pay tribute to Assyria.

Although only 25 years of age when he took the throne, Hezekiah manifested sober qualities of character and started an immediate revival. He was the greatest King in all the history of Judah. Sweeping reforms were introduced during his reign.

His first act was to purge, repair and reopen the temple, which had been neglected during the idolatrous reign of his father. He destroyed "high places" and cut down "groves" where images were worshipped. A still more decisive act was the destruction of the brazen serpent, said to have been the one used by Moses in the wilderness—later becoming an idol and object of adoration.

The prominent characteristics of Hezekiah were his trust in God and disposition to render Him suitable honor and service. Nor was he wanting in courage. He was a man of prayer.

II. "SAVE THOU US OUT OF HIS HAND." Sennacherib stood at the head of an army of 185,000 soldiers. Humily speaking, Hezekiah was no match for him. It was under these dire circumstances that the young ruler "covered himself with sackcloth" and prostrated himself before the Lord. He sent servants to talk with Isaiah.

The prophet sent back words of encouragement. Reports of what was transpiring in Judah reached Sennacherib—who immediately penned a threatening, defiant, blasphemous letter to Hezekiah.

"And Hezekiah spread it before the Lord." Then, the historian records one of the most earnest and effectual prayers

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"Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear," he pleaded. "God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord God."

The answer was communicated to Hezekiah through the prophetic office, with Isaiah again assuring him all would be well . . . and that God had heard the petition.

III. "I WILL PUT MY HOOK IN THY NOSE." Isaiah had preached many years in the streets, in homes and in the temple, warning of disaster if the nation relied upon Egypt for help against Assyria. His cry seemed to fall upon deaf ears.

Even Hezekiah, occupied with duties of state, failed to grasp the full importance of the message. But now, fortunately for the people, he was working in perfect harmony with the prophet. A nation always prospers when its political leaders reach out to God for guidance and protection.

So insulting was the Assyrian's message that Isaiah received an immediate revelation of coming events to be transmitted to the king: "Thus saith the Lord God concerning (Sennacherib): Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel . . . But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. Therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

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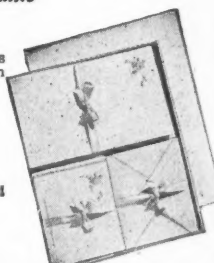
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